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For: WAFER STORAGE CASE, PROCESS FOR PREVENTING DUST GENERATION THEREOF AND WAFER STORING METHOD

NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Decision of the Primary Examiner dated July 20, 2004 finally rejecting claims 3-10 and 12.

A timely response to the final rejection has been filed.

The \$340.00 Appeal Fee is attached.

The shortened statutory period expiring on October 20, 2004, it is hereby requested that the period for response be extended for one month. Also included in our check is \$110.00 as payment of the fee for a one month extension of time for filing this Notice of Appeal.

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